

**PEACE OFFICER/PUBLIC OFFICER/AIU
DEPARTMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM**
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The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection maintains peace officers and public officers to comply with the statutory requirements for the enforcement of laws and regulations. The Public Resources Code Section 4119 mandates the Department to have a law enforcement program by stating that the Department "... shall enforce the forest and fire laws." Health and Safety Code Section 13104, et al mandates the State Fire Marshal to have a law enforcement program by stating that the State Fire Marshal "... shall aid in the enforcement of all laws and ordinances, any rules and regulations... and building standards...relating to fires or to the prevention and protection..." In addition the State Fire Marshal "... shall investigate every explosion or fire occurring in any state institution, state-owned building, or any building which is determined ...to be state occupied..." The State Fire Marshal is also required to "... shall investigate every explosion or fire involving a pipeline..."

In order to comply with the statutory mandates the Department adheres to the peace officer and public officer requirements of Penal Code Sections 832, and 13510.5 which state "... shall satisfactorily complete an introductory course of training prescribed by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training..."; and, "... the commission shall adopt... minimum standards for training of peace officers... who are employed by... the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection... the State Fire Marshal..."

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